Docket No. **SPINE 3.0-455 CONT I** Examiner Application No. Filing Date Art Unit C. L. Miller 3738 10/776,491-Conf. #3254 February 11, 2004 Applicant(s): Rafail Zubok, Antonio Valdevit, Michael W. Dudasik, and Joseph P. Errico Invention: CERVICAL DISC REPLACEMENT METHOD TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED** Claims Highest Remaining Number Number After Previously Extra Claims Amendment Paid Present Rate **Total Claims** 13 20 Х Independent 2 Х Claims Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) Other fee (please specify): 0.00 TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: Small Entity x Large Entity x No additional fee is required for this amendment. Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. X | The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. x Credit any overpayment. Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17. Dated: January 19, 2005 Michael J. Doherty Attorney Reg. No.: 40,592

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**AMENDMENT** 

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 22, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.